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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on January 1, 2005, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2004 and 6 percent above January 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2003 and 14 percent above 2002. This is the highest placements for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 558,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 322,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent above 2003 but 1 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 92,000 during December, 2 percent above 2003 but 7 percent below 2002.

**Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2004-2005 ¹**

State	Jan 1, 2004	Dec 1, 2004	Jan 1, 2005		
			Number	as % of 2004	as % of Dec
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	293	329	331	113	101
CA	510	530	535	105	101
CO	1,040	1,100	1,080	104	98
ID	300	305	295	98	97
IA	370	435	450	122	103
KS	2,430	2,390	2,410	99	101
NE	2,280	2,300	2,300	101	100
NM	115	129	126	110	98
OK	355	355	350	99	99
SD	200	186	192	96	103
TX	2,830	2,740	2,700	95	99
WA	200	185	190	95	103
Oth Sts	330	360	350	106	97
US	11,253	11,344	11,309	100	100

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

**Cattle on Feed: Number Placed on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots,
by Month, State, and United States 2003-2004**

State	During Dec 2003	During Nov 2004	During Dec 2004		
			Number	as % of 2003	as % of Nov
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	Percent
AZ	32	35	33	103	94
CA	70	66	72	103	109
CO	180	175	135	75	77
ID	53	50	55	104	110
IA	50	90	71	142	79
KS	410	390	490	120	126
NE	350	410	390	111	95
NM	14	14	14	100	100
OK	53	43	53	100	123
SD	31	51	42	135	82
TX	420	320	405	96	127
WA	30	37	39	130	105
Oth Sts	55	62	35	64	56
US	1,748	1,743	1,834	105	105

**United States Cattle on Feed
1,000+ Capacity Feedlots**

Million Head

